Agreements in the energy sector

2743. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made agreements with various countries, particularly U.S.A., Russia & France for the further cooperation and development in the energy sector during the last six months; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the countries with whom agreements were entered into along with the details of each agreement in the field of energy sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): (a) and (b) Government is engaged in a dialogue with a broad range of countries including the US, Russia and France on civilian nuclear energy cooperation with India. During the visit of Prime Minister to the US, the two sides issued a Joint Statement on July 18,2005 in which the US *inter-alia* stated that it will work with its partners to adjust the international regime to enable full international civil nuclear cooperation with India. Further discussions were held on this issue during the visit of President Bush to India in March 2006. During the visit of Prime Minister to Russian Federation in December 2005 both sides agreed to actively explore opportunities to further expand cooperation in the sphere of peaceful uses of atomic energy. India and France signed a Declaration on the Development of Nuclear Energy for Peaceful Purposes during the visit of President Jacques Chirac to India on February 20, 2006, which underlines the need to develop international cooperation in promoting the use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes. These discussions are ongoing.

Indian medical practioners in UK

2744. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of medical practitioners from our country who had gone to U.K. in search of job have been leading a miserable life on account of unemployment and most of them daily reach the Mahalaxmi temple in east London to eat free food; and